ISI agents detained in Assam

949. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of ISI agents detained in Assam and afterward released from the Jail;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of secret official documents were also supplied to one of those alleged ISI agents;

(c) whether Government will constitute immediate high level enquiry on such matters to protect the internal security and sovereignty of the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Employees/workers lost jobs

950. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that as many as 20 lakh employees/workers have lost their livelihood/lost their jobs in the last four-five months and another 10 lakh may lose jobs in the next few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether International Labour Organization (ILO) has also warned increase in unemployment rates in the developing countries;

(d) if so, whether Government has taken any remedial measures in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) With a view to assess impact of economic slowdown on employment in the industries/sectors presumed to be adversely affected by the slowdown during the quarter October-December, 2008, Ministry of Labour and Employment carried out a survey in important sectors, *viz.* Mining, Textiles, Metals, Gems and Jewellery, Automobile, Transport and IT/BPO. These sectors contributed more than 60% to GDP in the year 2007-08. It has been revealed that about half a million workers have lost their Jobs during October-December, 2008. The major impact of the slowdown is noticed in the export oriented units.

Department of Commerce, Government of India have been undertaking sample surveys relating to reduction in exports and resultant job losses in export-related Industries. In the updated sample survey on job losses for export-related industries for August, 2008 to